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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

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Examiner: Mr. Guillermo Perez

In re PATENT APPLICATION of:

Applicant(s) : Jun YAMADA et al.  
Serial No. : 09/868,233  
Filed : August 20, 2001  
For : HYBRID DRIVE DEVICE  
Attorney Ref. : GOT 142NP

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Sir:  
In response to the Office Action of December 12, 2002, the period for reply to which has been set to expire on March 12, 2003, kindly amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

In what follows, instructions will be presented for rewriting a paragraph that appears in the specification. Attachment A is appended to this Amendment to show how the rewritten paragraph differs from the previous version of this paragraph.

Please replace the paragraph on page 8, lines 10-17, with the following rewritten paragraph:

Since the cycle life concerning the charging/discharging of the condenser 21 is longer than a general vehicle cycle life, it is almost never necessary to replace the condenser 21 during the life of the vehicle. That is to say, the condenser 21 entails much lower running costs for the drive device in comparison to a secondary battery. When the input voltage range of the inverter 11 is wide, it is possible to use a switching converter without fixed voltage output characteristics with respect to discharging.

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